

Good News from Goodwin

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Happy New Year!

Dear Parents and Guardians:

It is a good time to reflect upon some of Goodwin's' accomplishments so far this year. After starting here at Goodwin in July, I had the privilege of seeing some of our children in our summer school program. The dedication of the teachers and the staff and the enthusiasm of the students started each day with a smile for me. In August, staff and students returned to our classrooms in full force and the school was filled with life and came alive for me. I knew I had come to a place of learning and caring. In the last months, I have seen teachers working with students every day to assure that they have the skills and knowledge needed to succeed. I have seen them collaborate with the colleagues over the data showing individual students growth and supporting each other in finding the right course of action for their children. I have witnessed teachers and staff working with and encouraging individuals to improve in math, physical fitness, reading, music, writing, art, science, social skills, social studies and emotional development. I have been a part of wonderful town meetings that highlight our children's accomplishments, Thanksgiving Feast, Halloween Parade, Book Fairs, Recess, Kindness towards others, 4th grade Ambassadors, Chess Club, Green Thumb Club, clothing, school supplies and food drives, raising funds for a sick child, and an emphasis on the "Golden Rule" of treat others the way we want to be treated, World Kindness Day, field trips to enhance learning and of course the Tressle Tree! Each and every day I am proud to see the opportunities teachers have created and implemented at Goodwin and am amazed at the students willingness to take risks and rise to the high bar set for them.

Perhaps over the winter break, you could celebrate their progress. You and your child could create a fun reminder of all the things he or she has accomplished this year. Let him or her cover a container with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then,

He or she can write each success ("I memorized my times tables.") on a slip of paper and put it in the container. If he or she is feeling discouraged in the future, have him or her read the slips.

Warmly,

Susan

Upcoming Events

Backpack Brigade collection month-please send in school supplies with your child to donate to this great cause.

1/9—Yoga 5:00 Goodwin School

1/14—PTO Meeting 6:30

1/19 -No School Martin Luther King Day

1/29—Town Meeting 2:30

1/29— Magician 6:00 Goodwin School

Please be sure your child has the appropriate attire for our daily 30 minute recess. Students must wear snow pants, coats, boots and gloves to enjoy sledding and be able to play in the snow during recess.

Children who have flu & fever symptoms need to be fever free for 24 hours, without the use of fever reducing medication, before returning to school.

Children who have stomach virus symptoms must be symptom free for 24 hours before returning to school.